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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2017

Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “North Korea Ballistic
5 Missile Investigations Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) According to experts, North Korea’s missile
4 program has made “astounding strides over the past
5 two years”, marked particularly by the successful
6 launching of two new missiles within ten months: the
7 intermediate-range Hwasong–12 and the interconti-
8 nental ballistic missile Hwasong–14.

9 (2) According to a August 14, 2017, report by
10 the International Institute for Strategic Studies,
11 North Korea made these advancements by acquiring
12 a high-performance liquid-propellant engine from a
13 foreign source, likely from Ukraine.

14 (3) Available evidence indicates that the liquid-
15 propellant engine is based on the Soviet RD–250
16 family of engines, and has been modified to operate
17 as the boosting force for the Hwasong–12 and the
18 Hwasong–14. Those engines are linked to a missile
19 factory in Dnipro, Ukraine, which has been strug-
20 gling financially over the past decade.

21 (4) The New York Times reported on Sep-
22 tember 17, 2017, that North Korea may have ini-
23 tially procured rocket fuel from China and Russia,
24 including the highly volatile fuel unsymmetrical di-
25 methyl hydrazine.

1 **SEC. 3. INVESTIGATION WITH RESPECT TO NORTH KOREA.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of National Intel-
3 ligence, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall
4 conduct an investigation into North Korea’s alleged pro-
5 curement of engines and related technology, including the
6 procurement of unsymmetrical dimethyl hydrazine, from
7 foreign sources.

8 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 105 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
10 of National Intelligence shall submit to the appropriate
11 congressional committees a report that contains the con-
12 clusions of the investigation conducted under subsection
13 (a) and addresses each of the following:

14 (1) North Korea’s indigenous capabilities to
15 have produced unsymmetrical dimethyl hydrazine
16 and intercontinental ballistic missile engines, and the
17 likelihood of foreign procurement of such fuel and
18 missiles.

19 (2) The role of Russia and China in helping
20 North Korea to illegally procure missile technology.

21 (c) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—The Director of Na-
22 tional Intelligence shall conduct the investigation under
23 subsection (a) in consultation with the Government of
24 Ukraine.

1 **SEC. 4. COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ENHANCE-**
2 **MENT.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that—

5 (1) the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program
6 was established to combat the type of proliferation
7 alleged by the International Institute for Strategic
8 Studies report described in section 2(2); and

9 (2) the United States needs to take steps to
10 strengthen that program, particularly in Ukraine, to
11 thwart the proliferation of sensitive technology or ex-
12 pertise.

13 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act the Secretary of Defense, in
15 coordination with the Secretary of State, shall submit to
16 the appropriate congressional committees a report includ-
17 ing recommendations to improve the implementation of
18 the Department of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction
19 Program established by section 1321 of the Department
20 of Defense Cooperate Threat Reduction Act (50 U.S.C.
21 3711).

22 **SEC. 5. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.**

23 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
24 mittees” means—

25 (1) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
26 ligence, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Com-

1 mittee on Financial Services, and the Committee on
2 Armed Services of the House of Representatives;
3 and

4 (2) the Select Committee on Intelligence, the
5 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on
6 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, and the Com-
7 mittee on Armed Services of the Senate.

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